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**Inmate Death at FCI Jesup**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Monday, November 9, 2020, inmate Kevin Gayles tested positive for COVID-19 at the Federal Correctional Institution (FCI) Jesup in Jesup, Georgia, and was immediately placed in medical isolation. On Thursday, November 19, 2020, in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, Mr. Gayles was converted to a status of recovered following the completion of medical isolation and presenting with no symptoms.

On Friday, January 8, 2021, he was evaluated by institution medical staff for chest pains and subsequently transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On the same day, Mr. Gayles who had pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Gayles was a 38-year-old male who was sentenced in the Eastern District of Virginia to a 132-month sentence for Possession of Cocaine Base. He had been in custody at FCI Jesup since September 7, 2018.

FCI Jesup is a medium security facility that currently houses 1,337 male offenders.

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